Upon the Death of the truly Valiant and Magnanimous

SR CHRISTOPH: MINNS

WOUNDED AT SEA.

T I M E break thy Glass! Why should we longer stay!

Beat a Dead March, our Captain leads the Way.

He who so oft from the Batavian Brow

Had snatch'd the conquer'd Palm away, see how

He layes, ----- a piece of Earth; unsit to weild - sprung

The Warlike Weapon or to hug the Shield!

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No fooner had the black-mouth'd Ord'nance (hot With Hell-bred Flames, and big with Flemmijk shot) Spit forth its Venim'd blasts, enough to make The well compacted Universe to shake, But straight the Waves (supposing thou wert dead) Leapt up to catch the Airie Substance fled; Th' expecting Ocean, waits to have thy Tomb An Everlasting Trophie, in her Womb; That Jewels might invest thee, and thy Bones Be Metamorphiz'd into precious Stones; Each drop of Blood should into Rubies turn, And serve to deck thy well enamel'd Urn. Whilst that the Sympathizing Dolphins stay Lorging to bear their welcom'd Guest away. But least that Corps that did so Bravely Die. Should underneath the Waves forgotten lie, And find no other Funerals, no Grave But what was then beltow'd on every Slave,

In pitty Gentler Fate to us has given
Thy Body, and return'd thy Soul to Heaven.
If there be any place above the rest
Thy brave Herocik Soul shall be possest
O. its Immortal Glories, and thy Name
Still warbled forth by never dying Fame:
There Warriers Garlands shall thy Temples Crown
Free from the blasts of Fate, or Envies Frown;
Instead of Bloudy Scarrs thy batterd Face.
Shall be inviron'd with a Nobler Grace.
Nor canst thou Die, but art Transcendent grown
And challengest the World as if thine own;
Who hast (to do thy Native Country Good)

Been Prodigal of Fortune, Life and Blood.

Methinks I see another Star appear
Brighter then Mars and in a Nobler Sphear,
Whose Warlike Influence shall make the Fire
Of the undaunted Brittans mount up higher
In suture Ages, and the World shall know
Starrs act upon the Bodies here below.

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